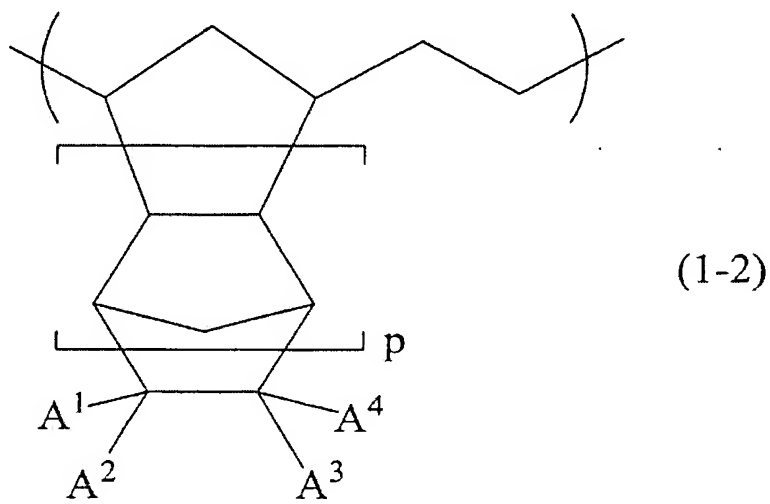


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

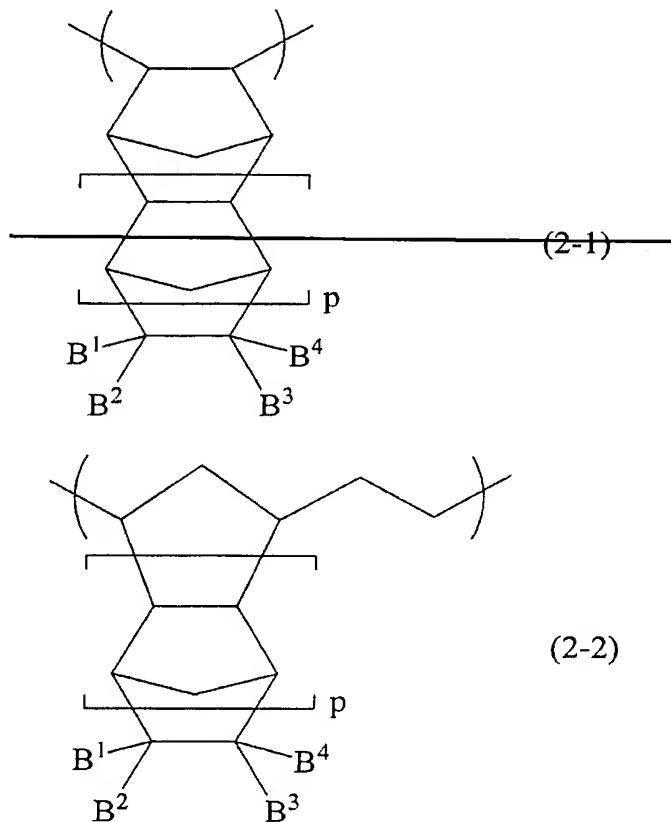
Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method for treatment of a film or sheet, ~~which is characterized by comprising~~ bringing a film or sheet containing a cyclic olefin based polymer ~~or an aromatic polymer having a sulfonic group~~ into contact with a gas comprising a superheated water vapor, wherein the cyclic olefin based polymer is a cyclic olefin based polymer comprising a structural unit (b) represented by the following formula (1-2):



wherein, in the formula (1-2), A¹ to A⁴ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a halogenated alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkoxy group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, or a cycloalkyl group having from 4 to 15 carbon atoms; or A¹ and A², A¹ and A³, or A² and A⁴ can join to form an alkylene group; and p represents an integer of from 0 to 2.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to claim 9, wherein the cyclic olefin based polymer is a cyclic olefin based polymer comprising ~~the structural unit (a) according to claim 3 and a structural unit (c) represented by the following formula (2-1), or comprising the structural unit (b) according to claim 3~~ formula (1-2) and a structural unit (d) represented by the following formula (2-2):



wherein, in the ~~formulae (2-1) and~~ formula (2-2), B¹ to B⁴ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a halogenated alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkoxy group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, a cycloalkyl group having from 4 to 15 carbon atoms, or a hydrolyzable silyl group, and at least one of B¹ to B⁴ represents a hydrolyzable silyl group; ~~B¹ to B⁴ comprise an alkylene group formed from B¹ and B³, or B² and B⁴~~; and q represents an integer of from 0 to 2.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to claim 11, wherein a compound capable of generating an acid at the treatment temperature is used simultaneously.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method for treatment of a film or sheet according to claim 9, wherein the gas comprising a superheated water vapor has a temperature of from 100 to 300° C and a pressure of from 0.001 to 0.5 MPa.